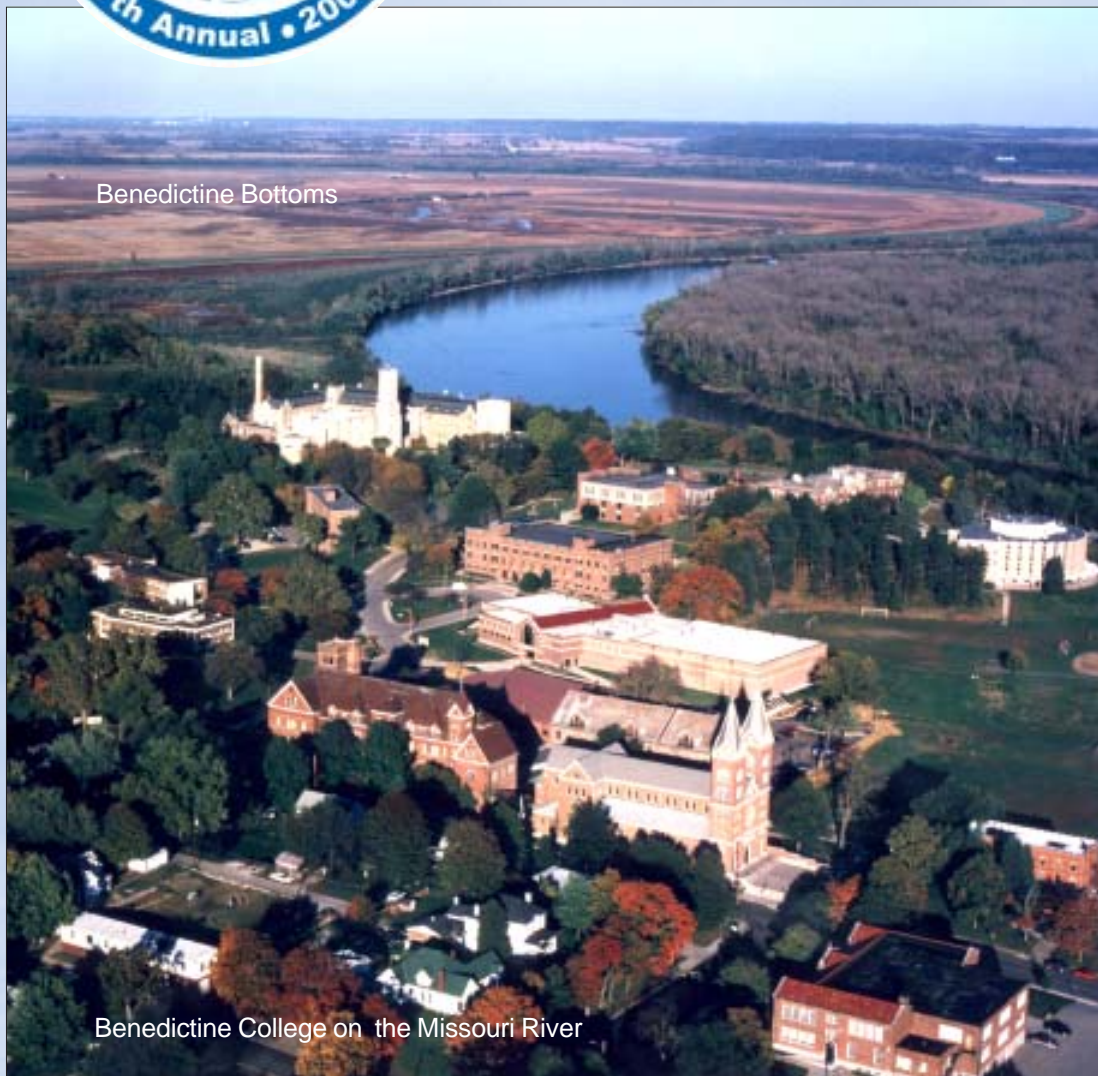




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**Benedictine College
Atchison Kansas**



Benedictine Bottoms

Benedictine College on the Missouri River

CONFERENCE THEME

Restoring the "butifull Praree & Timber deversity"

"As we approached this place the Praree had a most butifull appearance Hills & Valies interspds with Coops (copses) of Timber gave a pleasing deversity to the Senery," wrote William Clark when the Corps of Discovery visited what is now the Benedictine Bottoms mitigation site in Atchison, Kansas on July 4, 1804.

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

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Deadline December 2, 2002

PAPERS AND POSTERS

We welcome your submission of a paper or poster for inclusion in this year's conference. Of particular interest are presentations on invasive species (i.e. asian carp, zebra mussels, purple loosestrife), fisheries, water quality, and flood plain forests and terrestrial populations. Additional topics will be considered. Deadline for submission is December 2, 2002. *Late submissions will NOT be accepted.*

DISPLAYS

Your organization may have a display at the conference as part of your registration fee. The same form is used as for a paper or poster. A display is different from a poster because it highlights your organization, not a scientific study or specific project and is usually free-standing.

REGISTRATION COSTS

Registration fees will be in the range of \$120. Local hotels are available for \$55 and special dormitory lodging is available the year for \$25-\$35.

HOW TO APPLY

Please complete the application online at <http://infolink.cr.usgs.gov/events/03.htm> If you do not have Internet access, call 573-876-1876 for an application form.

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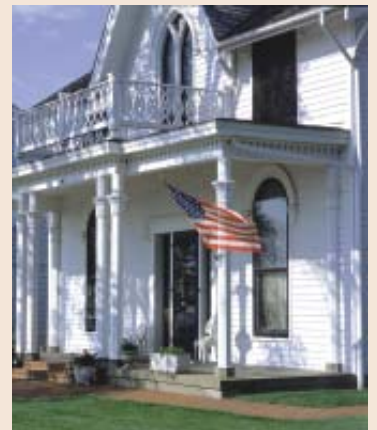


Situated on hills and bluffs beside the Missouri River, Atchison is one of the oldest and most scenic towns in Kansas. On July 4, 1804, the Lewis and Clark expedition celebrated the first Independence Day in the West near present-day Atchison.

Founded when the Kansas Territory was opened in 1854, Atchison became a prosperous boom town supplying the westward migration



Muchnic Art Gallery



Amelia Earhart birthplace

and serving as the eastern terminus for railroads, stagecoach and freight lines.

Atchison's one-time wealth is evident today in scores of grand Victorian mansions that line its hilly, brick streets. Visitors enjoy browsing the many specialty stores along the city's unique downtown pedestrian plaza and numerous museums devoted to the opulent Victorian era, railroading and Amelia Earhart.

Benedictine College



Benedictine College is a four-year, Catholic, residential, co-educational college that provides a liberal arts education for students of all backgrounds and faiths. The college was founded soon after Atchison in 1858 when monks opened a boarding school and enrolled 6 students. Today the college hosts 1000 students on a beautiful campus that overlooks the Missouri River.

Field Trips

The conference field trips will highlight a variety of restoration activities in this unique 80 mile Missouri River corridor. Samples of the field trips include:

BENEDICTINE BOTTOMS

Part of the *Missouri River Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project*, Benedictine Bottoms is located just north of the college. It serves as a laboratory for biology students who began research on the bottoms in 1994 as part of the college's *Missouri River Biodiversity Assessment Program*.

LITTLE BEAN MARSH

The conservation area is located in a historic oxbow lake created when the Missouri River moved west; it contains marshes, forests, sloughs and early succession habitats.

FORT LEAVENWORTH BOTTOMS

The Fort Leavenworth riparian forest is the oldest such bottomland forest in the lower Missouri River system.

Special Presenters

Steve Williams

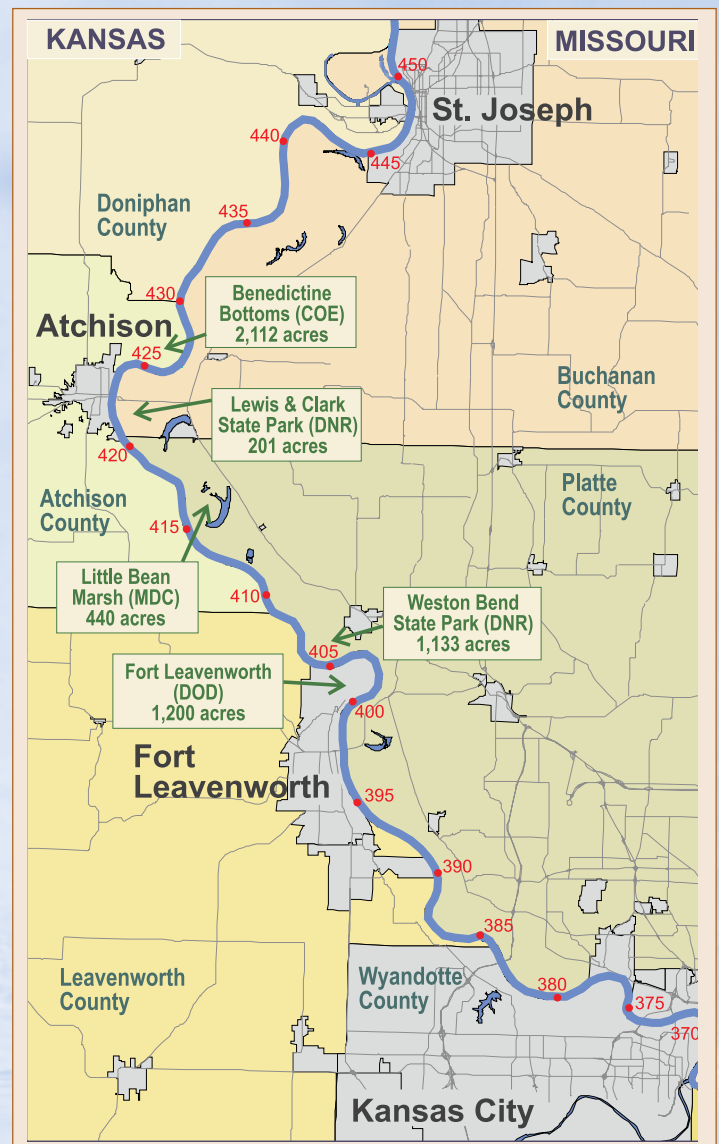
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The Missouri River Natural Resources Conference was founded in 1997 by the Missouri River Natural Resources Committee and the USGS Columbia Environmental Research Center.

The only annual basinwide conference, the Missouri River Natural Resources Conference provides a broad perspective on the health of the Missouri River. It serves as a forum for researchers, resource managers, citizens, and policy-makers to share information about the river's environmental condition and points of view on river management.

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